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¶1. In response to reftel, the Government of Algeria (GOA) has no objection to the use of Tamanrasset Airport as an emergency landing site (ELS) for Space Shuttle launch STS-125. Post likewise has no objection.

¶2. Contact information for the air traffic control tower (ACTC) at Tamanrasset is still pending from the GOA. Per our telephone conversation, we will pass information soonest via email to Shari Kamm of NASA.

¶3. Please note that Embassy Point of Contact (POC) for the launch of STS-125 has changed to the following:

-- Mark Molnar, direct line: 213-770-08-2248; mobile phone:
213-770-652-933;
-- Embassy switchboard: 213-770-08-2000;
-- Embassy Algiers After Hours Duty Officer:
213-770-990-698.

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